





# **The Power of Primary Sources**

Tuesday, August 14

8:00–8:30 AM Registration, Networking & Coffee

8:30–9:00 AM Welcome & Housekeeping

Sandy Treadway Librarian of Virginia

9:00–10:15 AM Keynote Address: "Feeling the Power"

## **Tom Camden**

Director of Special Collections Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia, established in 1823, is extraordinarily rich in its holdings. Some of its most dazzling items are housed in the Library's Special Collections department. Director Tom Camden will share his own passionate interest in "feeling the power" of the commonwealth's original treasures. He will also explore the impact that these special materials have had on him and the thousands of visitors who have come to the source over the past decade.

10:15–10:30 AM Break





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Time	Orientation Room	Network Training Center	Conference Room A	Conference Room C
10:30-11:30 AM	Guiding Your Users to Find It Virginia	Bringing the <b>Library of Congress</b> to Your Classroom	Visible Thinking with Primary Sources	Primary Sources: Maps
11:30 АМ-12:30 РМ	LUNCH			
12:30-1:30 РМ	To Collect, Protect, and Serve	Bringing the <b>Library of Virginia</b> to Your Classroom	Visible Thinking with Primary Sources	Primary Sources: Prints & Photographs
1:30-2:00 PM	Break & Networking			
2:00-3:00 рм	Brown Research Fellows	Finding Treasures in an Archive of Historic Newspapers	Visible Thinking with Primary Sources	Primary Sources: Archival Government Records
3:00-3:30 рм	Closing Remarks and Good-Bye			

<sup>\*\*</sup>During each Break-Out session, tours of the current Library of Virginia exhibition, *Lost & Found*, will also be offered.

Sessions facilitated by Teaching with Primary Sources, Northern Virginia, a Program of the Library of Congress





## **Session Descriptions**

Bringing the Library of Congress to Your Classroom

Network Training Center | 10:30-11:30 AM

Limited to first 24 participants. Primary sources provide intriguing windows into the past. The Library of Congress offers extensive teaching materials as well as millions of digitized images for the classroom. After engaging in a model inquiry exercise, participants will take a virtual tour of these remarkable resources and leave with an analysis tool that they can use throughout the school year.

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## Bringing the Library of Virginia to Your Classroom

Network Training Center | 12:30-1:30 PM

Limited to first 24 participants. Join Library of Virginia professionals in the computer lab to learn more about how to browse the collections on the Library of Virginia website, Virginia Memory, in order to cultivate your own teaching materials.

Presenter: Mark Howell, Education & Programs Manager, Library of Virginia

### **Brown Research Fellows**

Orientation Room | 2:00-3:00 PM

Come learn more about what our Brown Research Fellows do for the Library of Virginia. This select group of educators will share their experiences and their work with participants. Everyone who attends will walk away with fresh, new ideas about how to incorporate primary sources in their own classroom.

Presenters: Nicole Hancock & Sally Miller, 2011–2012 Brown Teacher Research Fellows





## Finding Treasures in an Archive of Historic Newspapers

Network Training Center | 2:00–3:00 PM

Limited to first 24 participants. Chronicling America provides free access to millions of historic American newspaper pages from 1836 to 1922. This powerful database from the Library of Congress makes it easy to search for digital treasures with real-life relevance that students find fascinating. Participants will learn how to explore the website's features and will leave with teaching ideas for using historic newspapers in their classrooms.

Presenter: Teaching with Primary Sources, Northern Virginia, a Program of the Library of Congress

Guiding Your Users to Find It Virginia

Orientation Room | 10:30-11:30 AM

This session will give a brief overview of the *Find It Virginia* databases, a collection that provides free 24/7 access to resources such as newspapers, magazine and journal articles, and books such as encyclopedias. Materials are available for all age ranges and interests. You will also be able to preview the NEW *Find It Virginia* mobile app: search your public library's catalog, place items on hold, and access other library services directly from your device.

Presenter: Cindy Church, Continuing Education Consultant, Library of Virginia

**Primary Sources: Archival Government Records** 

Conference Room C | 2:00-3:00 PM

The government, state and local, generates a considerable body of records related to its citizenry. In these records, you can find stories of emancipation, war, and divorce; the assertion of civil rights; attempts at the redress of grievances; and countless other fascinating topics, all in firsthand accounts. In this session, presenters will discuss how to find these records and provide examples of the compelling stories contained in government archival records.

Presenters: Vince Brooks, Sr. Local Records Archivist, Library of Virginia & Sarah Nerney, Sr. Local Records Archivist, Library of Virginia





**Primary Sources: Maps** 

Conference Room C | 10:30-11:30 AM

The Library of Virginia has one of the most extensive and astounding map collections in the United States. Penny Anderson, a Brown Teacher Research Fellow and geography teacher in Prince William County, will excite and exhilarate you with new ideas on how to include maps in your history and geography classes.

Presenter: Penny Anderson, 2010–2011 Brown Teacher Research Fellow

**Primary Sources: Prints & Photographs** 

Conference Room C | 12:30-1:30 PM

The Prints and Photographs Collection includes more than 30,000 images on the Library of Virginia's image website, www.virginiamemory.com. These images include topics ranging from official photographs of the Virginia legislature to images from the 1939 New York World's Fair. In this session you will learn how to access these collections for classroom use and how photographs can be used as primary sources. Information about photographic care and preservation will also be presented.

Presenter: Dana Angell Puga, Prints & Photographs Collection Specialist, Library of Virginia

To Collect, Protect, and Serve

Orientation Room | 12:30-1:30 PM

Education and program assistant Kerry Dahm will share a presentation created for fourth-to-sixth-grade students based on the Library's book for children—*To Collect, Protect, and Serve: Behind the Scenes at the Library of Virginia.* It helps students identify and interpret primary and secondary sources through group discussion and hands-on evaluation and also introduces the Library's menacing "archival enemies," methods for conservation, and service to the community as the commonwealth's cultural and historical treasure chest.

Presenter: Kerry Dahm, Education & Program Assistant, Library of Virginia





## Visible Thinking with Primary Sources

Conference Room A | All 3 Break-out Sessions!

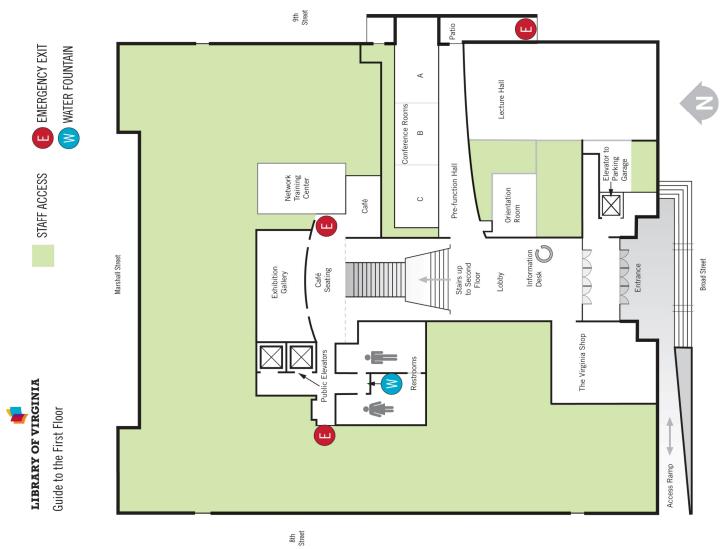
## Highly recommend that all participants attend one of these sessions!

Participants in this session will learn how to access the teaching resources and interactive tools of the TPSNVA (Teaching with Primary Sources, Northern Virginia) website. They will consider how two activities, *Crop It* and *Sort It Out*, sharpen critical thinking and observation and will leave with practical ideas for developing visual and media literacy skills.

Presenter: Teaching with Primary Sources, Northern Virginia, a Program of the Library of Congress











# Days 2 & 3 for Civics & Government Educators

August 15	August 16	
8:00-8:30 AM	8:00–8:30 AM	
Networking Activity Using Primary Sources	Networking & Collaboration	
8:30-9:30 AM	8:30-9:15 AM	
Overview of <i>Law &amp; Justice</i> Exhibition	Citizenship: What rights does a citizen have?	
9:30–10:00 AM	9:15–10:00 AM	
Presentation of Exhibition Website	Activity Collaboration	
10:00—10:15 AM   Break	10:00—10:15 AM   Break	
10:15-11:30 AM	10:15-11:30 AM	
<b>Human Rights Part I:</b> How can ordinary people use the law to effect change?	Rules of Law: Can the government take your land for public use? In a criminal trial, why must a prosecutor prove guilt but a defense attorney need not prove innocence?	
11:30–12:30 РМ   Lunch	11:30–12:30 РМ   Lunch	
12:30-1:45 PM	12:30-1:45 PM	
Activity Collaboration	Activity Collaboration	





1:45-2:00 рм   Break	1:45-2:00 рм   Break
2:00-2:45 PM	2:00-3:15 PM
<b>Human Rights Part II:</b> Should you have the right to have children or marry anybody you love?	Showcase! (and sharing)
2:45-4:30 PM	3:15-3:30 PM
Activity Collaboration	Closing Remarks





## **Presentation Details**

#### Law & Justice Overview

Presenter: Barbara Batson, Exhibition Coordinator, Library of Virginia

### **Law & Justice Website**

Presenter: Melanie Weismuller, University of Virginia Institute of Public History Intern

## **Human Rights Part I**

How can ordinary people use the law to effect change?

Legislators make laws, and courts enforce them, but citizens shape the law, too. Before the Civil War, enslaved African Americans used the law to pursue their freedom by proving their descent from Native Americans and also to protect their emancipation as well. In the twentieth century, ordinary African Americans used the laws to affect the dismantling of Jim Crow legislation and practice.

Presenter: Dr. John Kneebone, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University

John T. Kneebone is the author of *Southern Liberal Journalists and the Issue of Race, 1920–1944*. He was for many years the director of the Virginia Colonial Records Project at the Library of Virginia and a senior editor of the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* project. His current research project has the working title "Secret Nurseries of Opinion: The Anti-Catholic Underground and the Rise and Fall of the Second Ku Klux Klan," and he has been awarded a research fellowship to the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at Notre Dame University.





# **Human Rights Part II**

To Marry the One You Love

For almost three centuries, the Virginia government prohibited interracial marriage, beginning with clauses in laws regulating the enslaved and slavery. From the end of slavery to the mid-twentieth century, these prohibitions were in laws that strictly defined race. Debates over the rights and meaning of marriage continue in the twenty-first century: Does anyone have the right to tell people who they are allowed to marry?

Presenter: Kerry Dahm, Education & Programs Assistant, Library of Virginia

"Unfit" to bear children?

In an attempt to improve social welfare, Virginia's legislature passed an act in 1924 that allowed involuntary sterilization of patients in mental institutions who were diagnosed with "hereditary forms of insanity," including feeble-mindedness and epilepsy. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Virginia's law, and during the next fifty years more than 8,000 Virginians were sterilized at state hospitals. Can the state curtail the right of certain people to have children "for the best interests of the patients and of society?"

Presenter: Mari Julienne, Editor, Library of Virginia

## Citizenship

What rights does a citizen have?

The Constitutions of the United States and of Virginia and the laws of both distinguish between the rights of persons and the rights of citizens. Throughout American history, some groups have been denied the rights of citizenship in spite of legal and constitutional definitions. American Indians, African Americans, and women have at different times and in different ways had their personal and citizenship rights curtailed. This session will explore how those definitions have changed and what differences the changes make.

Presenter: Brent Tarter, Retired Senior Editor, Library of Virginia





### **Rules of Law**

Can the government take your land?

The Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution states, in part, that "No person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." The concept of eminent domain, the means by which local, state, and federal governments may seize property for public use projects, spurs key questions. What is "public use" and "just compensation?" Under what circumstances can the government take your land for public use? Can the government take your land for private use?

Presenter: John Deal, Editor, Library of Virginia

How does the use of DNA affect the determination of guilt or innocence in a court of law?

We've all seen DNA testing used to determine the guilty party on television. The use of DNA as evidence in criminal cases is widespread, especially rape and murder. Should Virginia require DNA evidence in criminal cases to determine guilt and/or sentencing? Is Virginia obligated to test DNA materials to determine the guilt or innocence of someone already convicted of a crime? How can DNA evidence be used to affect death penalty cases? Should DNA evidence be used in death penalty cases?

Presenter: Trenton Hizer, Sr. Finding Aids Archivist, Library of Virginia